

House Resolution No. 3555

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Larry O'Reilly, an esteemed resident of Springfield, Missouri, who will receive the 2008 Missourian Award during the annual awards banquet to be held September 27, 2008; and

Whereas, co-founded by Springfield businessman Ralph Slavens and his late wife in 1994, the Missourian Award is designed to honor and recognize those Missourians who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of business, civic leadership, or the arts; and

Whereas, Missourian Award nominees represent the best examples of Missourians achieving greatness in their respective fields; and

Whereas, Larry O'Reilly started his career with O'Reilly Auto Parts as a salesperson following his graduation from Drury College, and went on to serve in several positions including sales manager, co-chairman of the Board of Directors, co-president of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., and Chief Operating Officer before retiring in 2003; and

Whereas, inducted to the Sigma Nu Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Drury University Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, Larry O'Reilly is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as St. John's Hospital, Lance Armstrong Foundation, Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, the Victim Center, Drury University Board of Directors, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Springfield Catholic Schools Development Board, the O'Reilly Family Foundation, and Holy Trinity Catholic Church; and

Whereas, Larry O'Reilly has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of thirty-nine years, Nancy; his three daughters, Lauren, Leigh, and Ragan; and his four granddaughters:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Larry O'Reilly at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Larry O'Reilly.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3555, adopted July 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker